



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. 011738.00078)**

In the Application of Derek J. Harper	)	
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Serial No. 09/070,269	)	Confirmation Number: 4260
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Filed: April 30, 1998	)	Group Art Unit: 3763
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For: A DEVICE USED TO CONNECT AN	)	Examiner: Roz Maiorino
EXTERNAL VENTRICULAR DRAINAGE	)	
CATHETER	)	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 7, 2005**

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 7, 2005. The Examiner has set a three-month period for response. Applicant believes there is no fee due in association with the filing of this response, however, should there be any fees due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.